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ORDINANCE No. XXVII of 1947

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to conserve the strength of Indian registered merchant shipping

WHEREAS an emergency has arisen which makes it necessary to provide for the conservation of the strength of Indian registered merchant shipping;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Government of India Act, 1935 (26 Geo. 5, c. 2), as adapted by the India (Provisional Constitution) Order, 1947, the Governor General is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Indian Merchant Shipping (Restriction of Transfer of Registry) Ordinance, 1947.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Power to prevent transfer of registry to ports outside India.**—Notwithstanding anything contained in section 53 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 & 58 Vict., c. 60), no application made, whether before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, for the transfer of the registry of a ship from a port of registry in India to a port of registry outside India shall be granted except with the previous approval of the Central Government, and the Central Government may, if it considers necessary or expedient so to do for the purpose of conserving the strength of Indian registered merchant shipping, refuse to give its approval to any such transfer.

MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA,
Governor General.

K. V. K. SUNDARAM,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

